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In re: Patent Number 6,769,613 *B2*

Applicant: Anthony I. PROVITOLA

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For: AUTO-VERIFYING VOTING SYSTEM AND VOTING METHOD

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.323

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Certificate of Correction for United States Patent 6,769,613 issued on August 3, 2004. Upon reviewing the specification, the Patentee and Applicant, Anthony I. Provitola, noted that the following error was made by the United States Patent and Trademark Office which should be corrected as indicated:

In the Detailed Description of the Invention, column 4, line 20 of the Patent delete the reference character "2" and insert the reference character -9- after "machine".

Upon further reviewing the claims, the Patentee and Applicant, Anthony I. Provitola, noted that the following two errors were made by the patentees which should be corrected as indicated:

In Claim 49, column 10, line 10 of the Patent delete "input" after "(e)".

In Claim 49, column 10, line 12 of the Patent delete "(e)" before "submission" and insert -(f)- before "submission".

As to the error in the Detailed Description of the Invention it will be observed from an

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inspection of the Application that the reference character "9" in the Application was erroneously changed to "2" upon issue and publication by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

As to the first error in Claim 49, it will be observed that the inclusion of the word "input" before the word "inputting" in step (e) of the method is an erroneous grammatical redundancy of the word "inputting", said redundancy being erroneously overlooked for elimination in the final editing of the claims. The failure to eliminate said redundancy from part (e) of Claim 49 is a mistake of clerical nature and of a minor character, and elimination of said redundancy by deletion as requested does not constitute new matter or require reexamination.

As to the second error in Claim 49, it will be observed that the method claimed includes six labeled steps in alphabetical order starting with "(a)", and the last and sixth step is labeled (e), as is the fifth step before it, when it should have been labeled (f). The mislabeling of the sixth step as (e) by the patentee, instead of correctly labeling it (f), was a mistake in typography, of a clerical nature, and of a minor character.

Payment of the fee for consideration of this request is being made herewith by means of the enclosed Credit Card Payment Form.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT NO. : 6,769,613 *B2*
DATED : August 3, 2004
INVENTOR(S) : Michael R. McDermott and Anthony I. Provitola

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

IN THE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION:

In column 4, line 20 of the Patent delete the reference character "2" and insert the reference character -9- after "machine".

IN THE CLAIMS:

in Claim 49, column 10, line 10 of the Patent delete "input" after "(e)".

In Claim 49, column 10, line 12 of the Patent delete "(e)" before "submission" and insert -(f)- before "submission".

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